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Re: New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **MATERIAL SUPPLY STRIP, SYSTEM, AND METHOD  
OF APPLYING PIECES OF MATERIAL TO OBJECTS**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 36 pages, including title page and abstract, and including 3 independent claims and 75 claims total.
2. Three (3) sheets of drawings containing Fig. 1; Fig. 2; and Figs. 3-4.
3. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)/Form PTO 1449/French Search Report/Documents (5).
4. Claim for Priority/Certified copy of French Patent Application No. 9902000, filed February 18, 1999, and Certified copy of French Patent Application No. 9912506 filed October 7, 1999.
5. A check for \$1,680.00 representing a \$690.00 filing fee and \$990.00 for additional claims.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the executed Declaration.

**Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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